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SONORA MAN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS FOR CONSPIRACY TO SMUGGLE ALIENS

TUCSON -- Adolfo Alday-Gonzalez, 40, from Imuris, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced Friday to 16 months in prison by U.S. District Court Judge John M. Roll. Alday-Gonzalez had been found guilty by a federal jury on June 22, 2006, of three counts of Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens and Transportation of Illegal Aliens.

On February 1, 2005, undercover United States Border Patrol Agents conducted surveillance in an area of Tucson frequently utilized by alien smugglers. The agents observed a Chevrolet Suburban pass by their location in the parking lot. The vehicle had five adult males in the back. The vehicle parked next to a Dodge Caravan whereupon the driver of the Caravan, Adolfo Alday-Gonzalez, got out and approached the driver of the Chevrolet Suburban. Alday-Gonzalez handed keys to the other driver. Agents observed the five adult males, later determined to be illegally in the country, get out of the Chevrolet Suburban and enter the other vehicle. Alday-Gonzalez tried to flee when agents approached to arrest the two drivers. The other driver had previously pled guilty and was sentenced to 16 months prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Border Prosecutions Section of the U.S. Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by Raquel Arellano and Samuel Washington, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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